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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1248)
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "J" to S. P 772, L.D. 2209, RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the Amount
of Government Spending and Taxes which may be Made without Voter
Approval.

Amend the Resolution in the 4th paragraph, by striking out
in the first sentence, the word "taxpayers" and inserting in its
place the following: 'people' and by striking out all of the 2nd
sentence which reads as follows: "Tax rates shall be adjusted to
minimize such excesses."

Further amend the Resolution by striking out all of subparagraphs
(4) and (5) of paragraph C of subsection 6 of Section 22 of Art.
I of the Constitution and inserting in their place the following:

'(4) If any unit of government transfers the funding of any
program or service from revenues generated by taxes levied by
the unit to a use charge, the unit's expenditure limit under
subsection 1 shall be reduced by the amount of the reduction
in expenditures from tax based sources;

(5) For local units, upward in the same amount as any decrease
in state financing for existing programs or services, and
downward in the same amount as any increase in state financing
for existing programs or services; and

(6) For the State Government, upward to the extent it provides
property tax relief.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add revenues used for property tax relief as an adjustment on appropriations.

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